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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]
Senior Review Panel, ORPA

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FROM : [REDACTED]
Assistant to Executive Officer, DCI/NI
SUBJECT : NIO Comments on "Political Intelligence Around
the World"

1. Attached are some specific textual changes suggested by the various NIOs on your paper. There are a couple of general comments as well, particularly regarding the Introduction. We question the sections on DCID 1/2 and FOCUS Reviews as being perhaps not very meaningful to the President nor actually relevant to his question. The same comment could also be made regarding your charts No. 4 and 5, although we realize that the inclusion of these charts may have been laid on by higher authority.

2. Clearly, your numbers given for analysts working on a given problem reflect only ORPA figures. Is this meant to be a Community document or, indeed, even a CIA-wide document? If it isn't either of the above, a notation in the beginning would be helpful to the reader in understanding that this reflects only ORPA's capabilities.

3. A third general observation that might be useful to include in the Introduction is that the area where politics and economics interact is one where more collection and analysis are desirable. This area suffers from both jurisdictional and bureaucratic barriers that make it difficult to produce genuine synthesis for either policy or intelligence purposes.

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